

## What we will do with this information?

Local authorities have a duty under section 436A of the Education Act 1996 to make arrangements to establish the identities of children in their area who are not registered pupils at a school and are not receiving suitable education otherwise.

We will take prompt action to establish whether the child is receiving a suitable education. Those children identified as not receiving suitable education will be supported to return to full time education.

The Education Access Team can offer support to children and young people if they live within the Bradford district and don't have a school place; and aren't receiving a suitable education otherwise.

## Other useful contacts

Council Switchboard: **01274 432111**

School Admissions: **01274 439200**

Education Access Team: **01274 439393**

School Travel Assistance Team:  
**01274 439450**

If you are concerned that a child is being harmed, you must not keep these concerns to yourself. Report a concern by calling **0800 953 0966**.

If you know or suspect a child is missing from education, please let us know. **01274 438877** or **CME@bradford.gov.uk**

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# Do you know a child who is **missing** from education?



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Children's Services



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**BRADFORD**  
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Children missing education (CME)

All children, regardless of their circumstances, are entitled to an efficient, full-time education which is suitable to their age, ability, aptitude and any special educational needs they may have.



## Who are children missing education?

Children missing education are children of compulsory school age who are not registered pupils at a school and are not receiving suitable education otherwise than at a school.

Most children start school full time in the September that follows their fourth birthday. Children stay in school until June in the school year that they turn 16. When they are not attending school or receiving a suitable education otherwise, they become children missing education.

Children are missing from education if they are school age but not:

- on a school roll/register
- in alternative provision
- being suitably educated at home

Children who are registered at a school but are not attending regularly may require additional support, you can speak to school as a first point of contact if you have concerns about attendance.



## Why are children missing education?

There are many reasons why a child may be missing education, such as:

- they don't start school when they reach school age
- they don't move to secondary school when they finish primary school
- the family need to move house or becomes homeless

## Why does it matter?

Children missing from education are at significant risk of:

- Underachieving
- Being victims of harm, exploitation and radicalisation
- Becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training) later in life

## How you can help

Effective information sharing is critical to ensuring that all children of compulsory school age are safe and receiving suitable education.

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